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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for preventing signal coupling between two or more

flow-through type chip-based mounted piezoelectric resonator sensors used in an electrically

conductive liquid, wherein each of the sensors has a flowcell body provided with its own

resonator connected to its own single oscillator circuit and its own single power supply, said

resonator being on a single substrate, comprising:

providing each sensor with its own, individual conducting shield which substantially

surrounds said flowcell body,; and

making an inner wall of a flow tube and each cavity out of a non-conducting material;

wherein said conducting shields of different sensors are not interconnected, and each

flow tube interconnecting adjacent sensors is not shielded.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) Piezoelectric resonator sensor comprising:

a flowcell body comprising a resonator connected to a single oscillator circuit, wherein

said flowcell body is made of a non-conducting material; and

a single power supply, wherein said body is substantially surrounded by a conducting

shield connected to one pole of the power supply,

wherein an inner wall of a cavity, an inlet channel and an outlet channel are insulated

from said shield.

wherein conducting shields of different sensors are not interconnected, and

flow tubes interconnect adjacent sensors, and each flow tube interconnecting adjacent

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sensors is not shielded.

6-8. (Canceled)

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9. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said conducting

shield is made of metal tape.

10. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 1, wherein an individual

sensor housing for each sensor is made of plastic, and the plastic is coated with said individual

conducting shield.

11. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said individual

conducting shield is made by spraying, with a conducting material, an outer surface of an

individual housing for said each sensor.

12. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 1, wherein an oscillator

circuit cavity for said each sensor is shielded by applying shielding material to interior walls of

said cavity.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) Sensor in accordance with claim 5, wherein said conducting

shield is made of metal tape.

15. (Previously Presented) Sensor in accordance with claim 5, wherein a sensor housing

for said sensor is made of plastic, and the plastic is coated with said conducting shield.

16. (Previously Presented) Sensor in accordance with claim 5, wherein said conducting

shield is made by spraying, with a conducting material, an outer surface of a housing for said

sensor.

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17. (Previously Presented) Sensor in accordance with claim 5, wherein an oscillator

circuit cavity for said sensor is shielded by applying shielding material to interior walls of said

cavity,

18. (Previously Presented) Sensor in accordance with claim 5, wherein a flow tube of said

sensor is not shielded.

19-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said conducting

shield is connected to one pole of the power supply.

27. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 26, wherein said flowcell

body is made of a non-conducting material.

28. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 26, wherein the poles

connected to said individual conducting shields of said sensors have the same polarity in said

single power supplies.

29. (Previously Presented) Method in accordance with claim 1, wherein individual

conducting shielding material is applied to an interior wall of an oscillator circuit cavity for each

sensor.

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